

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously presented) A method for responding to one of a plurality of email messages within an email thread, comprising:

 providing the email thread in a document;

 simultaneously providing a plurality of reply mechanisms, each reply mechanism corresponding to one of the plurality of email messages;

 detecting a user selection of one of the reply mechanisms; and

 providing a reply form within the document for inputting a response message.

38. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein each of the plurality of email messages is associated with at least one reply mechanism.

39. (Currently amended) The method of claim 37 wherein ~~the a respective~~ reply mechanism comprises a reply link.

40. (Currently amended) The method of claim 37 wherein ~~the a respective~~ reply mechanism comprises a minimized reply form.

41. (Original) The method of claim 40 wherein a text box of the minimized reply form is expanded in response to a user selection of the minimized reply form.

42. (Currently amended) The method of claim 37, wherein the reply form is provided below the email message ~~associated with~~ corresponding to the selected reply mechanism.

43-50. (Cancelled)

51. (New) A client computer, wherein the client computer is configured to:

provide an email thread in a document, wherein the email thread contains a plurality of email messages;

simultaneously provide a plurality of reply mechanisms, each reply mechanism corresponding to one of the plurality of email messages;

detect a user selection of one of the reply mechanisms; and

provide a reply form within the document for inputting a response message.

52. (New) A computer program product, comprising:

a computer readable storage medium and a computer program mechanism embedded therein, the computer program mechanism comprising instructions, which when executed by a client computer, cause the client computer to:

provide an email thread in a document, wherein the email thread contains a plurality of email messages;

simultaneously provide a plurality of reply mechanisms, each reply mechanism corresponding to one of the plurality of email messages;

detect a user selection of one of the reply mechanisms; and

provide a reply form within the document for inputting a response message.

53. (New) A graphical user interface on a client computer, comprising:

an email thread in a document, wherein the email thread contains a plurality of email messages;

a plurality of simultaneously provided reply mechanisms, each reply mechanism corresponding to one of the plurality of email messages; and

a reply form within the document for inputting a response message, wherein the reply form is provided in response to detection of a user selection of one of the reply mechanisms.